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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE IN LUXEMBOURG

1. THORN BRIEFLY INTRODUCED THE SECRETARY AND OPENED THE
PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRENCH. HE REITERATED HIS WARM GREETINGS
AND THANKED THE SECRETARY FOR A SPECIAL SHOW OF FRIENDSHIP
IN COMING TO LUXEMBOURG.

2. THE SECRETARY: QUOTE: MR. PRIME MINISTER, I WANT TO
EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE FRIENDSHIP WITH WHICH WE
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HERE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE
DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS OF OUR ASSOCIATION A HIGH PROFESSIONAL
REGARD FOR EACH OTHER. THE PRIME MINISTER IS ONE OF THOSE
MEN WHOSE DEDICATION TO EUROPEAN UNITY HAS ADVANCED THAT
GREAT CAUSE ENORMOUSLY AND WHO HAS WORKED WITH DEDICATION
FOR AN ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP BASED ON A UNITED EUROPE IN CLOSE
ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. ON MANY OTHER ISSUES
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WE HAVE EXCHANGED IDEAS AND SINCE LUXEMBOURG HAS NO OVER-

WHELMING NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS, IT SEES ITS FUTURE IN A PROGRESSIVE AND PEACEFUL WORLD ORDER. WE HAD VERY GOOD TALKS TOGETHER AND A VERY FRIENDLY MEETING. END QUOTE.

3. Q: IN REGARD TO YOUR RECENT TALKS WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS, ARE YOU PREPARING A EUROPEAN AID PACKAGE FOR ANGOLA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA?

A: WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ANY CONCRETE PROGRAM FOR ANY PART OF AFRICA. I HAVE EMPHASIZED TO MY EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATING AID EFFORTS AROUND THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA. BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR AREAS, AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES AS OF THIS MOMENT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA.

4. Q: DR. KISSINGER, I WONDER IF YOU COULD BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE LETTER FROM FIDEL CASTRO THAT PRIME MINISTER PALME READ TO YOU--TELL US WHAT THE CONTENTS WERE, SIR, IF YOU CAN, AND WHAT SIGNIFICANCE YOU READ INTO THE MOVE?

A: WHEN I WAS IN SWEDEN, PRIME MINISTER PALME READ TO ME FROM A COMMUNICATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CASTRO, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO BEGIN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM ANGOLA AT THE RATE OF 200 A WEEK WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT ALL OF THE COMBAT TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. WE WERE NOT GIVEN A PRECISE BASE FIGURE FROM WHICH THIS WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE CALCULATED, OR A DEFINITION OF TROOPS. THEREFORE, WE ARE NOW MAKING OUR OWN CHECKS, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR FURTHER CONFIRMATION. WE CONSIDER THIS COMMUNICATION, HOWEVER, A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE INSISTED THAT CUBAN TROOPS HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM AFRICA AND THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY SURROGATE FORCES. WE WOULD CONSIDER A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, AND WE ARE NOW LOOKING INTO IT TO DETERMINE OUR RESPONSE.

5. Q: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF U.S. INSISTENCE, OR FOR OTHER, UNRELATED REASONS?

A: WE BELIEVE THAT THE POLICY WE HAVE PURSUED OF MAKING CLEAR THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THIS SITUATION WITH A PEACEFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, TOGETHER WITH ITS SUPPORT BY AFRICAN NATIONS, HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS.

6. Q: MR. KISSINGER, WHAT ABOUT THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN SOMALIA?

A: WE ARE OPPOSED TO CUBAN MILITARY FORCES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD. COUNTRIES HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME SENT TECHNICAL ADVISORS, BUT WE WOULD OPPOSE THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN MILITARY FORCES, AS OF ANY OTHER MILITARY FORCES FROM OUTSIDE OF

AFRICA, IN ANY PART OF AFRICA. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE NO INTENTION OF SENDING ANY OF OUR FORCES TO AFRICA. WE BELIEVE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE SETTLED BY AFRICANS, AND NOT BE OUTSIDE COUNTRIES.

7. Q: DID THE SOVIET UNION HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN THIS CUBAN DECISION?

A: AS OF THIS POINT WE DO NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THE DECISION IS, BEYOND WHAT I HAVE TOLD YOU. NOR DO WE KNOW WHICH COUNTRY HAS INFLUENCED THE CUBAN DECISION SO IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR US TO SPECULATE.

8. Q: MR. SECRETARY, IF THEY PULL OUT THEIR TROOPS AT THE RATE OF 200 A WEEK, IN A YEAR THEY WOULD REMOVE 10,400. THAT'S SOME 5,000 LESS THAN YOU AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATED WAS THEIR CURRENT STRENGTH. IS THAT ENOUGH OF A WITHDRAWAL?

A: WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL, EVEN A SUBSTANTIAL PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL, IS SUFFICIENT. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CUBAN COMBAT FORCES AND MILITARY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA, AND, OF COURSE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE RATE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US COULD BE SPEEDED UP.

9. Q: AFTER THE TALKS YOU HAD RECENTLY IN OSLO WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY WITH NO RESULT AS GENERALLY BELIEVED, DO YOU THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT COULD LEAD TO FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS? RECENTLY, PRESIDENT MAKARIOS SUGGESTED DIRECT TALKS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THIS? DO YOU THINK THAT THE EC COULD HELP TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM?

A: IT IS NOT MY IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE WITHOUT RESULTS. NOR UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD I CHARACTERIZE MY TALKS WITH EACH OF THEM SEPARATELY AS BEING WITHOUT RESULTS. I BELIEVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND HAD IN FACT BEEN PREFERRED BY BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER IT WILL GO RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO LEAD TO THE SOLUTION WHICH IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WESTERN DEFENSE. THE U.S. WOULD HOPE

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THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PURSUED URGENTLY. WE ARE PREPARED TO LEND OUR GOOD EFFORTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. AND THE EC TOGETHER COULD LEND THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO SPEED THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PROPOSAL MADE BY ANY ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE OTHER, I THINK I WOULD PREFER NOT TO COMMENT.

10. Q: WHAT ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST? DID YOU FORGET IT IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE NATO COUNCIL? PRESIDENT FORD AND YOURSELF REPEATED MANY TIMES THAT YOU WOULD NEVER TOLERATE STAGNATION, YET STAGNATION IS VERY MUCH THERE . . .

A: (SECRETARY BREAKING IN) NO, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE IS COMPLETE STAGNATION. OF COURSE, EVENTS IN LEBANON HAVE EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION, BUT WE BELIEVE THE ELEMENTS FOR PROGRESS EXIST. WE DID DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST WITH MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN OSLO AND MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS VERY MUCH ON OUR MINDS.

11. Q: WHAT ABOUT YOUR POLICY OF STEP-BY-STEP? IS IT STILL WORKING?

A: WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE CLEAR THAT THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WOULD MERGE AT SOME POINT WITH AN OVERALL APPROACH,
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AN APPROACH INVOLVING ALL OF THE PARTIES. AS FOR WHETHER IT WOULD LEAD TO A SOLUTION IN ONE STEP OR IN SEVERAL

STEPS, THAT WE WOULD WANT TO EXAMINE WHEN THE PROCESS STARTS IN EARNEST.

12. Q: IS THERE ANYTHING NEW IN THE EVENTS IN LEBANON?

A: THE EVENTS IN LEBANON ARE A TRAGEDY THAT HAD ITS OWN INDEPENDENT CAUSES. WE HOPE FOR THE MOST RAPID END OF THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON AND OF THE SUFFERING THAT IS GOING ON IN LEBANON. WE ARE PREPARED TO DO OUR UTMOST FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS THE PARTIES ARE PREPARED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HOPES FOR A SOLUTION IN LEBANON THAT RESPECTS ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AND RESPECTS THE RIGHT OF EXISTENCE OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES IN LEBANON.

13. Q: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE FRENCH MOVE IN LEBANON?

A: I HAVE STATED MY VIEW ON THIS PREVIOUSLY. IF ALL THE INTERESTED MIDDLE EAST PARTIES AGREE, IF THE FRENCH MOVE DOES NOT BRING WITH IT THE INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES AND IF ALL THE PARTIES IN LEBANON AGREE, THEN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER IT.

14. Q: HAVE YOU HAD ANY INDICATION THAT SYRIA WILL EXTEND THE UN FORCE IN THE GOLAN?

A: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IS GOING TO BE VISITING DAMASCUS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THE UN FORCE ON THE GOLAN WILL BE EXTENDED BECAUSE IT IS OVERWHELMINGLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTIES, IN THE INTEREST OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE; ABOVE ALL IN THE INTEREST OF PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

15. Q: HOW WOULD THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL CUBAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA AFFECT U.S./CUBAN RELATIONS?

A: IT IS A PRECONDITION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S./CUBAN RELATIONS BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE WE CAN MAKE ANY DECISION ON THAT.

16. Q: IS IT TRUE THAT IF THE COMMUNISTS ENTERED INTO A EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT THE UNITED STATES WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POLICY TOWARDS THAT COUNTRY?

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A: I HAVE STATED OUR VIEW ON THIS PROBLEM AT EXCRUCIATING LENGTH IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO ANGUISHED EUROPEAN REACTION. (NOT IN LUXEMBOURG--IN AN ASIDE.) I DON'T THINK I SHOULD REPEAT THEM IN EUROPE.

17. AT THIS POINT A LUXEMBOURG JOURNALIST WARMLY THANKED THE SECRETARY FOR HIS COMMENTS AND WENT ON TO ADD HIS PERSONAL THANKS FOR ALL THE SECRETARY HAS DONE FOR THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND IN PARTICULAR LUXEMBOURG. THE

SECRETARY SAID HE WAS MOVED BY THESE COMMENTS. THE Q'S
AND A'S THEN SHIFTED TO GERMAN.

BEGIN SECTION OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN GERMAN WITH EMBASSY
TRANSLATION:

18. Q: THE SITUATION IN THE E.C. IS NOT THE BEST. DID YOU
BRING A SOLUTION FOR MINISTER THORN?

A: A SOLUTION FOR EUROPEAN UNITY IS NOT FOR US TO DECIDE.
WE STAND FULLY BEHIND THE POLITICAL UNITY OF EUROPE.
WE SUPPORT PRESIDENT THORN IN HIS ATTEMPTS IN THIS DIRECTION
AND WE SUPPORT EUROPEAN UNITY IN GENERAL.

19. Q: WOULD YOU HAVE A SIMPLE MESSAGE IN GERMAN FOR THE
LUXEMBOURG POPULATION?

A: I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN
LUXEMBOURG. YOUR PRIME MINISTER IS AN OLD FRIEND WHOSE
VIEWS ON EUROPEAN UNION AND ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE
UNITED STATES AND EUROPE ARE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE.
THIS HAS BEEN A VISIT TO FRIENDS AND A VERY GOOD DAY.

20. Q: ARE THERE ANY PROBLEMS BETWEEN LUXEMBOURG AND THE
USA?

A: I REGRET THAT I MUST SAY THERE ARE NO DIFFICULTIES AND
THAT WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN LUXEMBOURG AND THE USA.

21. Q: ARE YOU PLEASED BY THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA?

A: I AM PLEASED WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA BUT WE
MUST WATCH TO SEE HOW FAR IT WILL GO; BUT IT IS A STEP IN
THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

22. Q: A DIRECTION WHICH YOU STROVE FOR FROM THE BEGINNING?
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A: YES, WHICH WE STROVE FOR FROM THE BEGINNING.

23. Q: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE E.C. AND THE USA CAN DO SOMETHING
TOGETHER TO SPEED THINGS UP?

A: I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO SEE THE TEXT OF CASTRO'S LETTER.
WE DO NOT YET HAVE THE TEXT IN HAND (WHICH WE MUST) BEFORE I
CAN REALLY DECIDE.

24. Q: WOULD THAT--THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CUBANS FROM ANGOLA--
HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS?

A: WHEN THE CUBAN TROOPS ARE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN, THAT
CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT.

QUESTIONS TO THORN:

25. Q: WERE THERE ANY BILATERAL PROBLEMS IN YOUR TALKS WITH

SECRETARY KISSINGER?

A: WE HAD NO TIME TO CREATE BILATERAL PROBLEMS, I MEAN TO CONJURE THEM UP FROM NOTHING. OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH INTERNATIONAL WORLD PROBLEMS, ABOUT E.C. AND U.S. RELATIONS. AS I CAN JUDGE THEM, BEING THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY, EC-U.S. RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT AND MUCH BETTER THAN THEY WERE A FEW YEARS AGO. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF THIS IN NAIROBI.

26. Q: WHAT POINTS OF AGREEMENT ARE THERE BETWEEN THE EC AND U.S. ON MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY?

A: THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS WE ARE AWAITING, AND I THINK THAT IN ORDER TO HELP THESE ALONG WE SHOULD PERHAPS AVOID PUBLICITY AT THE MOMENT.

END SECTION OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN GERMAN WITH EMBASSY TRANSLATION. END PRESS CONFERENCE.

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